**Course Syllabus for**

**Forensic science**

What is Forensic Science?

**Required Material**

* Pencil/Black Pen
* 3 Ring Binder
* Paper – Loose Leaf and Copy
* $15.00 Lab Fee

**Recommended Material**

Crime Scene Stencil Set $15.95 (can be ordered from <http://bear-aide.com/Crime_Scene_Template.htm>

**Required Documents**

* Lab Safety Contract
* Parent Letter
* Student Participation Contract

Information Technology Solutions



This course is an introduction to forensic science, covering topics from trace evidence, firearms, crime scene reconstruction, toolmark impressions, DNA analysis, forensic psychology, serology and sex crimes, and computer forensics. We will discuss the techniques used in a forensic laboratory to examine evidence and obtain the type of results that can be used in the courtroom. In addition, case studies illustrating topics of lectures will accompany the course content. The laboratory portion of the course will include experiments that demonstrate the topics discussed in lectures.

Meet standards set by the Alabama Course of Study for the Forensic Science Elective Core

Meet National Science Standards

Prepare students for post-secondary coursework in forensic science

Introduce students to professions and careers in the field of Forensic Science

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**Grading Policy**

All grades are earned. I do not give grades!

Late Work is accepted once per grading period.

50% Exams

25% Classwork/Homework

25% Lab

**Research Paper**

You will choose from one of the following topics to write a research paper: The Assassination of John F, Kennedy, The Lindbergh Kidnapping, The Atlanta Child Murders, Jack the Ripper, O.J. Simpson, Florida v. Casey Anthony, or The Black Dahlia. Others may be approved on an individual basis. Alternative topics must be approved in advance. The paper will follow MLA format.

**Forensics Video Final Exam**

All students will be required to take part in the filming of a video. This video will require the “committing of a crime”, the investigation of that crime, and the eventual resolution. This will count as both a grade and as the semester 2 final exam.

**Crime Scene Model**

Each student will create a crime scene in a shoebox. The scene will require all necessary components of a crime scene sketch and will be 3-D. This project is the only one due in the first semester. It will be here quickly, so start planning now.

Make-Up Work

Required Projects

Make-up work is solely the responsibility of the student. I will not, on any occasion, remind you to make up your work.

Exams must be scheduled in advance before attempting a make-up. Exams may not be given in their original format.

Labs will not be reset for make-up. It is too costly and too time consuming to reset a lab.

You will have 3 days upon reception of make-up work to turn that assignment(s) completed. I will not remind you.

You have 3 days upon your return to school to request make-up work.